

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

United States of America,

v.

Hannah C. Dugan

Defendant.

Case No. 2:25-cr-00089-LA-NJ

**MOTION OF FORMER STATE AND FEDERAL JUDGES FOR LEAVE
TO FILE *AMICUS CURIAE* BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S
MOTION TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT**

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Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7(i), 138 former state and federal judges from across the country seek leave to file the attached *amicus curiae* brief in support of Defendant Hannah C. Dugan’s motion to dismiss the indictment (ECF 18).¹ On May 29, 2025, counsel for proposed *Amici* sought consent from the parties regarding this Motion. Defense counsel consents to this Motion, while counsel for the government stated that they do not “think [proposed *Amici*] need [the government’s] consent to file a motion for leave to file an amicus brief.” A copy of the proposed *amicus curiae* brief is filed herewith as Exhibit A.² No memorandum, other than this document and its attachments, are being submitted. *See* Civil L.R. 7(a)(2).

Proposed *Amici* include former federal judges nominated to the federal bench by Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, and George H.W. Bush, and who served in a variety of U.S. Bankruptcy, District, and Circuit Courts. Proposed *Amici* also include former state court judges of all levels, who hail from 24 different states around the country.

As former state and federal judges, proposed *Amici* are uniquely positioned to provide the Court with information on the broad-reaching implications of this indictment on courts and judicial officers, both state and federal, in our constitutional system of checks and balances. *Johnson v. U.S. Off. of Pers. Mgmt.*, 2014 WL 1681691, at *1 (E.D. Wis. Apr. 28, 2014) (explaining that one criterion for permitting an amicus brief is when the amicus offers “a unique perspective or specific information that can assist the court beyond what the parties can provide”) (internal citations omitted). The indictment in this matter raises important questions concerning judicial immunity,

¹ The list of former state and federal judges on whose behalf this Motion is submitted appears at the end of this motion, Appendix A. They are seeking to participate as *amici* in their personal capacity and not as members of any organization, law firm, company, or other employer.

² No party’s counsel authored or contributed to the brief in whole or in part. No party or party’s counsel, and no person other than proposed *Amici* or their counsel contributed money intended to fund preparing or submitting this brief.

maintaining an impartial and independent judiciary, public trust in the judicial process, and anticommandeering of state officers and institutions under the Tenth Amendment. Each of these bedrock principles are foundational to our democratic system of government. Proposed *Amici* come together now in this extraordinary time in history to file a “friend of the court” brief to publicly renounce the federal government’s prosecution of Wisconsin Circuit Court Judge Hannah Dugan, and to lend their unique perspective and voice concerning this case. It is firmly within this Court’s discretion to permit the filing of an *amicus curiae* brief submitted by *Amici* with “a unique perspective or specific information that can assist the court beyond what the parties can provide.” *Johnson*, 2014 WL 1681691, at *1 (citing *Nat’l Org. for Women, Inc. v. Scheidler*, 223 F.3d 615, 616–17 (7th Cir. 2000)).

WHEREFORE, proposed *Amici* respectfully requests that this Court grant their motion to file the proposed *amicus curiae* brief.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Judge Stephanie A. Arend, Pierce County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)
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Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb, Alabama Supreme Court (Ret.)
Chief Justice Michael L. Bender, Colorado Supreme Court (Ret.)
Judge Mark W. Bennett, U.S. District Judge, Northern District of Iowa (Ret.)
Judge Linda L. Bergman, Multnomah Circuit Court, Oregon (Ret.)
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Judge William Cahill, San Francisco County Superior Court, California (Ret.)
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Judge Paula Casey, Thurston County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)
Judge Patrick A. Cathcart, Los Angeles County Superior Court, California (Ret.)
Judge Harriett M. Cody, King County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)
Chief Justice Dori Contreras, Texas Thirteenth District Court of Appeals (Ret.)
Associate Justice Patricia Cotter, Montana Supreme Court (Ret.)
Judge Susan E. Cox, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Northern District of Illinois (Ret.)
Judge Martin Cronin, Essex County Superior Court, New Jersey (Ret.)
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Judge Lisa Daniel Flores, Maricopa County Superior Court, Arizona (Ret.)
Judge James Dannenberg, Hawaii State District Court (Ret.)
Judge Morton Denlow, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Northern District of Illinois (Ret.)
Judge David K. Duncan, U.S. Magistrate Judge, District of Arizona (Ret.)
Judge Lynn Duryee, Marin County Superior Court, California (Ret.)
Justice Mark Dwyer, New York State Supreme Court (Ret.)
Judge Anita H. Dymant, Los Angeles Superior Court, California (Ret.)
Judge Noel Fidel, Arizona Court of Appeals (Ret.)
Judge Francisco Firmat, Orange County Superior Court, California (Ret.)
Justice Helen Freedman, New York Supreme Court (Ret.)
Judge Ben H. Gaddis, Third Circuit Family Court, Hawaii (Ret.)
Judge Julia L. Garratt, King County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)
Judge Deborra Garrett, Whatcom County Superior Court, Washington (Ret.)
Judge Steven M. Gold, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of New York (Ret.)
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Judge Dianna Gould-Saltman, Los Angeles Superior Court, California (Ret.)
Judge Ernestine S. Gray, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, Louisiana (Ret.)
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Judge James Hely, Union County Superior Court, New Jersey (Ret.)
Judge Thelton Henderson, U.S. District Judge, Northern District of California (Ret.)
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